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## TWO WITNESSES WERE EXAMINED

### AT MORNING SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Rev. A. Ewing and J. G. Brown Gave  
Evidence Regarding Test of  
South Park Pupils.

The County court was thronged this morning long before the appearance of Commissioner Lammiman. It was apparent that a deep interest was being taken in the evidence of Miss Cameron, D. M. Eberts, for the department of education, and Col. Gregory, appearing on behalf of the board of school trustees, were in their places some minutes before the opening of the proceedings.

Rev. A. Ewing and J. G. Brown were examined this morning. Upon the resumption of the proceedings yesterday afternoon, the examination of the drawing books by Miss Cameron was continued. The latter denied that the lines marked by D. Blair as ruled had been traced with the assistance of any mechanical contrivance.

Witness said it was unfair to compare the drawing with that in the books for several reasons. In the first place, as the name indicated, the pupils were limited to a specified time. They had their distinct marks, but a combination of them. In addition, the children, in executing the time drawing, had been thrown entirely upon their own resources. They had no teachers to direct them.

During the inspection of books Miss Cameron, in several instances, pointed out that the ruled lines, indicated by the examiners by the marks, were invisible. She remarked that there might have been tracings in these places once, but it was impossible for her to swear to an erasure.

Asked whether she would say anything about the work of Clarence Mulhead, witness declined to pass any opinion. In the book belonging to Miss Clay, witness drew attention to the design that had been characterized by Mr. Blair as one of the best included in the South Park High school entrance class. She termed it as one of the "worst" (laughter).

Later on in the course of the examination, Miss Cameron again discussed Mr. Blair's markings. She said she was not swearing to obliterated lines. She had no subtle sixth sense by which she could tell that a tracing now invisible, could be distinguished as a ruling or otherwise.

Referring to Trustee Mrs. Jenkins' visit to the South Park school, witness said the former had called upon her after visiting the education office. Mrs. Jenkins had said that she had requested while there to see the books in question. She had been shown some, which distressed, remarking that the lines seemed very straight. Witness then expressed the opinion that she did not wonder at Mrs. Jenkins believing that ruling might have been done if she did not understand the book, which children could draw by giving it careful attention. Mrs. Jenkins had spoken to the pupils. She took the students individually. Briggs, the first to reply, had acknowledged ruling. Therefore she did not guarantee that pupils' work.

Witness said the children, in the drawing books, and asked her conception of the meaning of that allowing the use of the pencil for judging distance in drawing. She first explained that model was simply a species of free-hand drawing. The pencil, Miss Cameron said she put her only acceptable interpretation upon the words. Drawing any line by free-hand the pupil judged it by his eye. If he found that it did not balance in distance or direction, he took his pencil and measured it. Provided by his own opinion, was the only way of instructing.

Miss Cameron had never seen any pupil use the pencil to make markings in order to assist in obtaining correct line.

## CO-OPERATION IN TOURIST BUSINESS

### CONVENTION CALLED FOR SALT LAKE CITY

Effort Will be Made to Attract Travelers to West—Victoria's Work Recognized.

A short time ago reference was made to the fact that the Commercial Club of Salt Lake City had in view the calling of a conference of all western American interests for the purpose of taking concerted action with respect to attracting a greater share of tourist travel to the West. The date for the convention has now been fixed for January 25th at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Commercial Club has made an estimate of the amount of money spent by tourists from the United States in foreign lands. These figures are very interesting, showing that in 1904 American sight-seers in foreign lands spent \$150,000,000. In the purchase of foreign products while abroad another \$40,000,000 was spent. This makes a total of \$190,000,000 spent outside the United States by people in search of pleasure and health.

The club says that this sum is spent by people who thought native to the United States are greatly ignorant of the wonderful scenic, climatic and industrial advantages of the West. If any material part of this sum were diverted annually into the channels of trans-Mississippi trade and commerce it would not only mean the rapid upbuilding and development of that section, but would redound quickly to the benefit of the whole United States.

The circular sent out says that the Salt Lake City Commercial Club after a full and careful investigation of the subject in all its phases is firmly convinced that this diversion of eastern money into western ways can be accomplished. With this thought in mind it has undertaken the necessary preliminary work and called a convention. At that meeting there will be presented for the consideration of the conference a comprehensive plan of procedure for the future, including changes, modifications or enlargements as the conference may determine upon.

The basis of representation in the proposed conference is as follows: Governors of states and territories and mayors of cities of the first class, ex-officio members of the conference are each state or territory two delegates at large to be appointed by the governor; commercial clubs, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, merchants and manufacturers' associations, railway and transportation companies, and steamship lines, one delegate each.

The fulfillment of this object will mean increased tourist trade in the whole West, and it is felt that Victoria, which has been in the forefront in this branch of business will, when co-operation work is to be undertaken be also prominently identified with it. United action on the part of all the western states and the transportation companies will ensure for the coming years an immense increase in the tourist trade to the West. That the work done by Victoria in the past has not been overlooked is shown in a letter written by Fisher Harris, secretary of the Salt Lake City Commercial Club.

"I am familiar with the splendid work that has been done by your organization in exploiting the advantages and attractions of British Columbia. It is intended that hereafter there will be done for the West what your people have been doing for that particular section. I am directed by the special committee having the preliminary work of the 'seeing American' movement in hand to express its gratification for your endorsement of the enterprise, and to extend to you a cordial invitation to attend and take part in the deliberations of the conference which is called for January 25th."

Mr. T. A. Watling and Mrs. Warner the Principals.

The marriage of Mr. T. A. Watling, late of the Royal Navy, and of Woodford, Essex, England, and Alice, widow of the late Mr. L. Warner, of Pol Perro, Cornwall, England, took place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL

### Game as Played in New Zealand Suggested as Substitute for American College Article.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 29.—English Rugby, not as it is played in England or Canada, but the style of game adopted by the exponents of the sport in New Zealand, is suggested as a substitute for the game of American football in a letter addressed by President F. J. Edmund Woodman, of Dalhousie university, to the conference of colleges now considering a revision of the game.

The New Zealand game, Prof. Woodman declares, while devoid of practically all of the objectionable features which have brought the American game into disrepute, possesses much of what is good in nearly all forms of the game. He calls attention to the absence of what he calls "mob tackling," with the consequent mob instinct which it arouses among the spectators.

In suggesting the substitution of Rugby, Prof. Woodman says that this game seems to him to be the only possible solution of the present trouble. He believes that any attempt to radically revise the present American game would only result in its destruction.

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## VOYAGE THROUGH NORTHWEST PASSAGE

### NOT DEEP ENOUGH FOR LARGE VESSELS

Capt. Amundsen Plans to Bring the  
Gjøa South by Behring Straits  
in Summer.

(Associated Press.)  
Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Capt. Wm. Mogg, master of the winter Bonanza, who arrived Wednesday morning on the steamer Jefferson, last night, said that Capt. Amundsen in sailing through the Northwest passage was compelled to jettison a part of his cargo, showing that the northwest passage is not deep enough for vessels of commercial tonnage.

It will probably be from 12 to 15 months before the value of the observations taken by Capt. Amundsen on the north magnetic pole is made public to the scientific world, said Capt. Mogg. For two years Capt. Amundsen photographed every movement of the needle, finding that it moved back and forth almost in a circle. The observations were taken with self-registering instruments, and no member of the expedition was able to give the regularity of the observations.

This data will be submitted to the Royal Geographical Society of London and to the scientific and geographical body of Norway and Sweden, who assisted in sending out the expedition. There are only about three men in the world who are able to read the self-registering instruments used by Capt. Amundsen in taking the observations of the movement of the north magnetic pole. It is estimated that at least a year will be required in completing the data.

Capt. Amundsen expects to leave on the return of the ship Gjøa, which is within a stone's throw of the wrecked schooner Bonanza, and plans to bring the Gjøa out by Behring Straits to San Francisco, reaching that city early next September.

ALLEGED HAZING.  
Midshipman Is Being Tried by Court-Martial at Annapolis.  
(Associated Press.)  
Annapolis, Md., Dec. 29.—At the beginning of the second day's session of the court-martial of Midshipman Tennessee Coffin, Jr., for the alleged hazing of Midshipman Kimbrough, the little court room in the temporary building at the academy was full of spectators. An hour was consumed at the opening of the session in reviewing the testimony of yesterday.

THE PRESIDENT'S GUESTS.  
Will Entertain Party of Friends on the  
Mayflower.  
(Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—The secretary of the navy and Mrs. Bonaparte will be the hosts of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt at a formal dinner on board the United States ship Mayflower on February 6th. The dinner company will include 30 guests who will be received in the historic cabin where the President presented the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries to each other on August 5th last. This probably will be the first time the President has been aboard the Mayflower since that memorable day.

CHARLES T. YERKES.  
Doctors Say Phlegm is Hovering Between Life and Death.  
(Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 29.—The condition of Charles T. Yerkes, the financier and railroad builder, was said by his son early today to be much improved. Doctors who are in attendance say that Mr. Yerkes was in the same condition yesterday, hovering between life and death with life sustained only by stimulants.

SEVERAL MEN BURIED.  
Caught Beneath Debris in Collar in Which a Cave-In Occurred.  
(Associated Press.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—One laborer is dead, two others seriously injured are in the hospital and several others are still buried beneath the debris in the cellar of the new National Metropolitan Citizens' Bank building, where a cave-in occurred this morning.

FATAL GAS EXPLOSION.  
(Associated Press.)  
McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Hattie Sweeney was fatally burned and eight other members of the Sweeney family were seriously injured here today by a gas explosion in the kitchen of their home. The house was wrecked.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS.  
(Associated Press.)  
Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 29.—From five inches to a foot of snow fell over Wisconsin and the northern peninsula of Michigan during the night and today nearly all trains are running several hours late.

FORMER JUDGE.  
(Associated Press.)  
San Diego, Cal., Dec. 29.—Frederick A. Wood, for many years a judge of the Supreme court of Vermont, died yesterday at his home here, where he had lived for the past twelve years.



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## STRIKERS SHELLED BY ARTILLERY

**EIGHT HUNDRED REPORTED  
KILLED OR WOUNDED**

**One Thousand Bodies in Moscow Have  
Not Been Identified—Chief of  
Police Killed.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—According to advice received by the government to-night the rebellion at Moscow is entering on its final stage. The same guerrilla warfare was continued to-day, but on a smaller scale. Governor-General Doubassoff is acting with great energy and hundreds of members of the "druggins" are already behind the bars. The strikers have lost heart and the workmen's council is considering the question of calling off the strike. The principal danger now seems to be that the "Black Hundred" will complete the work begun by the troops and end the horrible massacres of the "Reds." The lower classes are represented as enraged with the attempt of the revolutionists to overthrow the Emperor and even with the best intentions it may be impossible for the authorities to

Restrain the Fury  
of these classes once the opportunity is offered them. The attacks made on the striking railroad men at wayside stations show the temper of the peasant classes.

Four thousand strikers marched out of Moscow and completely destroyed several miles of the railroad track between St. Petersburg and Moscow, 50 miles out of Moscow, in order to prevent the arrival of troops. Trains bearing the Zemlinovsky battalion of the guards backed twenty miles to Clysne, whence it is understood, the troops will proceed on foot to-morrow to their destination.

The energetic measures taken by the government have completely overturned the plans of the revolutionists here and practically all the leaders have been arrested. In the Baltic provinces the Lithuanian insurgents, in carrying out the plans for preventing the arrival of reinforcements, sowed through the timbers of a bridge at Kanika; forty miles from Revel, and caused

A Frightful Accident  
to a passenger train, which fell through into the water. The number of dead and injured has not yet been established. A troop train containing a squadron of horse guards has also been wrecked and two other trains have been derailed near Narva.

To-day's news from Russian Poland indicates that the general strike is extending. Wholesale arrests have been made in the cities. At Sosnowice, near the Emperor's hunting lodge, an at-

tempt has been made to blow up the barracks with dynamite. The employees of the Riga-Orel railroad have again struck.

The Novoe Vremya reports that a meeting of railroad men at Rostov-on-Don has been bombarded by artillery and that 800 of those present were killed or wounded.

It is not possible, however, to venture an estimate of the casualties which, however, are not heavier, either in the case of the troops or of "druggins." The people have been suffering. Crowds have been moved down by rifle volleys, the fire of machine guns and the grape and shrapnel of the artillery.

Innocent Persons  
even fell dead before the bullets of the revolutionists while inspecting barricades, news owing to the impression that they were spies.

Securities continued buoyant on the bourse to-day, imperial four reaching 84½. This sensational rise aroused the belief that it was due to the support of the Mendelssohns in connection with the recently authorized \$200,000,000 short term notes, \$75,000,000 of which it is reported the Mendelssohns have at last agreed to accept as satisfaction for the maturing loan, as the imperial bank must upon demand pay in gold for the notes. The 5½ per cent. discount is regarded as only a roundabout fashion of the government drawing on the imperial bank's gold reserve. In the same way the remainder of the authorized issue may be used to settle foreign obligations on the basis of an additional issue of paper money. As the margin for the issue of the latter is falling low, the government is evidently criticizing the desperate expedient, the Molva (Russ) asserting that it virtually makes a gold loan from the bank and presages a coming financial crash.

Revolutionists Arrested.  
Moscow, Dec. 28.—All of the members of the social revolutionary committee have been arrested, and a quantity of bombs, infernal machines and correspondence seized.

Three hundred revolutionaries to-day invaded the residence of the chief of police and killed him.

At the medical bureau 650 wounded and 105 killed have been registered, but it is known that there are fully 1,000 unidentified dead in the Loutchou quai alone.

A mob of armed revolutionaries attacked the police bureau but were repulsed with serious losses.

Chief of Police Killed.

London, Dec. 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph describes as follows the execution of the chief of police of Moscow:

"The revolutionists entered the lodging house of the chief of police at midnight and told him to bid an eternal farewell to his family, because he was condemned to die. Finding that it was no joke, the chief expostulated, but to no purpose.

"Realizing his position, he said farewell to his family and he was hurried into the street and shot. His body was left lying in a pool of blood."

The same correspondent relates as follows the terrible operations of the "Vehmgerrichte" in Riga: "Persons disappeared mysteriously and a few days afterwards their bodies were found with identical marks—four bullet

wounds on the breast, four on the back and the skull cloven in twain. Of the many brought before the 'Vehmgerrichte' one escaped death, but in doing so he was seriously wounded. This person says he was seized and bound and hurried to the room in which the tribunal was sitting. He was condemned to death, carried to the outskirts of the town, laid flat on the ground and shot.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency says that according to a telegram from Tamboff, in Central Russia, an attempt was made to assassinate Vice-Governor-General Bugdanovitch. The would-be assassin wounded the vice-governor-general with a revolver shot. Two arrests were made.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says the revolutionists in the Pryessneya quarter of Moscow are negotiating with the authorities for terms of surrender.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times reports that the relations between Russia and Germany are distinctly strained, and that there is a possibility of international complications arising from the rebellion in the Baltic provinces.

Insurgent Successes.

Reval, Esthonia, Dec. 28.—The police and troops to-day surrounded and arrested 70 persons while they were discussing the tactics to be used in an armed revolt. Among the captured were City Commissioners Timony and Strandma and Acting Mayor Prats. The insurgents continue to drive into the city the troops operating in the country.

Strike Weakening.

Warsaw, Dec. 28.—The general strike is weakening, the shops are open and cars are carrying the traffic of the city. The employees of factories and street railroads are still on strike, and the soldiers occasionally have conflicts with agitators. Yesterday they killed four and wounded twelve.

A BUSY DAY.

Number of Witnesses Appeared Before the Insurance Investigation Committee.

New York, Dec. 28.—Louis F. Payne and J. Rider Cady, who were employed at times as counsel by Mr. Payne while the latter was superintendent of insurance, were the witnesses to-day before the insurance investigation committee. Mr. Payne was asked about the stipulated premium law which was enacted during his administration. He said that Mr. Appleton as the actuary of the department drew it up at his (Payne's) suggestion. Mr. Payne employed personal counsel from time to time when asked if he advised himself of the attorney-general's office said: "I don't like to speak disrespectfully of a state officer. My experience with the attorney-general's office was that I did not feel quite satisfied to go there for advice," except in some cases where the law compelled me to do so. There were decisions one way, and next year there would be decisions another way. There would be an attorney-general who would give another decision. I went outside for counsel, where I personally knew the lawyers were honest and capable. Judge Cady was brought into the investigation by reason of his having appeared before Mr. Payne in the interest of the Prussian insurance companies seeking admission to the state. This application was denied by Mr. Payne. Subsequently, however, Mr. Payne decided to admit several of the Prussian companies. President McCurdy, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, asked that this decision be held up until he could see Mr. Payne. This request was refused, but Mr. Payne had Judge Cady call upon Mr. McCurdy.

Mr. Hughes asked if Mr. McCurdy said the Mutual Life would pay any money for a contrary decision. Judge Cady said he did not, but that Mr. McCurdy offered him a retainer in behalf of the Mutual Life, which he refused.

The New York office of the insurance department was inquired into, when Robert Hunter, deputy to the superintendent, was called. Mr. Hunter could add nothing as to the conduct of the department to what already had been supplied. It was brought out, though, that including the Equitable Life Assurance Association in Poughkeepsie discharged.

Accumulated evidence on the allotment of 1,000 shares of stock of the Lawyers' Mortgage Insurance Company, which while held for the Life Insurance Company, was taken by the members of the finance board, was taken in the examinations of Adrian Iselin and G. G. Haven of the finance committee and of Frederick H. Cronwell for the present acting president of the Mutual Life.

Secretary Morgan of the Lawyers' Mortgage Insurance Company, told how Mr. McCurdy had become indignant because he had not been allotted shares in the Lawyers' Title Insurance and Trust Company, and to appease him a block of Lawyers' Mortgage Insurance Company stock was offered to him, but he would not take it. He gave Mr. Morgan to understand that no applications for loans from either company would receive consideration from the Mutual Life.

When Mr. Cronwell was on the stand he was asked what consideration he had given to economies in the Mutual Life. He said he could not give exact figures from records, but that there would be a saving of perhaps a million and a half dollars next year. He added that the most unpleasant duty he had had to perform was that of headman in discharging employees during the last few weeks.

Late in the day the United States Life Insurance Companies affairs were taken up by Mr. Hughes. The president of the company, John P. Munn, submitted statements of syndicate participants which were read for the record; also statements of the cost of insurance to his company.

District Attorney Jerome to-day received a copy of all the evidence thus far submitted to the committee. There were numerous volumes.

Acting District Attorney Nott said to-day that a special grand jury would probably be empaneled in February in the hearing of the testimony.

"A hopeful disposition," said Uncle Eben, "is a great blessing 'till a man gets dependin' intirely on it to see dat de rent's paid."—Washington Star.



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NEW PRESIDENT.

Casasere Will Succeed Morales in Santo Domingo.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Mr. J. M. Douglas, the Dominican minister here, called upon Secretary Root at the state department to-day. He had a short cablegram from Santo Domingo, Minister of Foreign Affairs, announcing that General Casasere, the vice-president, who was at Puerto Plata when Morales fled from the capital, was expected to arrive at Santo Domingo to-morrow and would be inducted into the presidential office.

Mr. Joubert doubted very much whether Morales intended to start another revolution. In the minister's opinion the modus vivendi under which Dominican customs revenues are now placed as a basis from which he will endeavor to suppress the uprising of the dominant party in the cabinet still stands strongly committed to the existing arrangements.

North Favors Morales.  
Cape Haytien, Dec. 28.—The great part of northern Santo Domingo is said to be in favor of Gen. Morales. It is understood here that Morales left the capital in order to join his partisans in the north, and Gen. Rodriguez, the governor of Monte Cristi, with his followers of that vicinity, have gone to meet General Morales. General Rodriguez' forces are said to number thousands. It is claimed here that the report that Morales intends to establish a new capital at Monte Cristi is accurate, and that he will use his endeavor to suppress the uprising of all the Cacere party. Censorship of all messages has been established at Monte Cristi. Important news from Santo Domingo is expected momentarily.

THE LE ROI FIGHT.

Report That New Board of Directors, Headed By A. J. McMillan, Has Taken Control.

Roseland, Dec. 28.—A cablegram from London to-day announced that the board of directors had been ousted and the new board, headed by A. J. McMillan had taken possession of the affairs of the Le Roi Mining Company. It is understood that Mr. McMillan is again to be managing director.

REMAND GRANTED.

Fisher Extradition Case Will Come On on January 10th.

When Harry Fisher came up to be tried for extradition on a charge of perjury before Commissioner Montfort in Blaine on Wednesday, his lawyer, Mr. Westcott, asked for a remand, on the ground that two of his clients' principal witnesses were not present; they were, in fact, locked up in jail in Vancouver, and it was necessary that he should have them.

Mr. Whitcomb, of Whitcomb & Mathias, of Blaine, who, assisted by J. W. Bell, of Vancouver, appeared for the application for extradition, lodged an objection, but pointed out that if a remand were granted at all, it should be a substantial one, since some of his witnesses had to go away and could not be back for some time.

The commissioners finally decided that Fisher should be remanded till January 10th, when his case should be called for hearing again.

The Turkish government has presented a note to the Austro-Hungarian government informing that government that the Macedonian committee in Bulgaria are preparing for an uprising in the coming spring. The Porte says that it thinks it is its duty to call the attention of the powers to the danger of this movement, so as to enable them to take suitable steps at Sofia.

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## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria  
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Victoria, Dec. 29-5 a. m.—Although the barometer has risen over this province the weather is becoming threatening owing to an ocean storm area off the coast, which may cause some snow or rain. Sharp frosts have been general both on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and snow is falling in Carleton Place. The weather east of the Rockies is only moderately cold.

## Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Saturday: Victoria and vicinity: Winds mostly easterly, cloudy and cold, with occasional sleet or rain.

Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, cloudy and cold, followed by sleet or snow.

## Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.1; temperature, 37; minimum, 35; wind, S; rain, 0.1; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 0.1; weather, fair.

Nanaimo—Temperature, frosty; wind, W.; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 18; minimum, 15; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.9; temperature, 12; minimum, 12; wind, calm; snow, 0.2; weather, snow.

Sun Francisco—Barometer, 30.26; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 10 miles N.; rain, 0.6; weather, clear.

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## LESSON OF THE RECENT CAMPAIGNS

TIME FOR RACIAL  
CRUSADES TO CEASE

Exercise of Great Forbearance Nec-  
essary to Maintain Unity Among  
Varied Classes in Dominion.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The election in Saskatchewan ends, at any rate for some time, the discussion on the autonomy bills of last session by which the two new provinces were created, and it is to be greatly hoped ends for ever in Canada the era of racial and creed crusades as means of making party prestige. As a matter of fact, it is found that the side which has recourse to these tactics is generally the losing one, and even where victory has for a time favored it, in the long run has suffered both in power and prestige by the adoption of such means.

The conclusion of the campaign shows that in the present case, the whole amount of vituperation and bitterness which has been imported into the discussion of the question ever since its inception has been entirely needless, and that when the question came to be decided by the calm judgment of the electors most interested, all that bitterness was cast aside and a very different manner from that in which they have been dealt with in the whole history of the present legislation.

As long as there remains in our midst a great variety of people of diverse nationalities and of different religious faiths, it is only to be maintained by the exercise of the greatest forbearance.

Nor is it only in regard to the legislation which has just reached its climax that such forbearance must be observed. A great deal of notice has recently been acquired by an advertisement, whether real or not, does not affect the question, which is said to have appeared in one of the Toronto papers, stating that certain workmen were required, but that "no English need apply." This advertisement was telegraphed to Great Britain, and there it was pointed to as an evidence of Canadian feeling towards the Motherland. Whoever forwarded this very suspicious advertisement to the Old Country must have been actuated by anything but loyal feelings towards Canada, but the worst of the whole matter is that it was thought worth while by the agents of a press association, subsidized by the government, to rescind this stuff back to Canada with the English comment thereon.

In a newspaper which calls itself Imperialist, within the last week, has appeared a cartoon, representing three persons evidently intended to be of foreign birth, depositing a ballot in a box, whilst a fourth in the garb of a cow-boy is looking on. Underneath is the legend: "Canadian to the British. In future the Britisher has nothing to do with the affairs of Canada. They will henceforth be administered by the scum of the earth." The editor of this paper, as well as the cartoonist, who is a well-known man in his particular line, must have been either not aware, or else oblivious of the fact that every man who is entrusted with the ballot in Canada is of necessity a British subject and therefore one of his fellow citizens. But this evil does not stop here. These cartoons are narrowly watched and their every movement, upon, but reprinted in European papers, and the effect of such ebullitions of so-called humor must be most injurious to the immigration upon which the government is spending a

large amount of money. In another paper of "light and leading" on the same day appeared an editorial utterance concerning the majority campaign which was equally offensive in its character. It appears that in that town there is nearly an equal proportion of French-Canadian and English-speaking population, and that there has been for many years an understanding that the honor of nominating and electing the mayor shall be held alternately by the people of each nationality. The editorial utterance in question denounces the idea of having alternately "a French-Canadian and a Britisher" for mayor. Evidently the editor in question forgot that each is equally British and that such an announcement must of necessity be most offensive to a large proportion of his fellow-citizens. It will be impossible to cement the two great nations which form the majority of our Canadian population in one harmonious whole if those who are charged, or who have charged themselves, with the duty of directing public opinion intend to continue to discuss questions in which nationalities are involved in this reprehensible manner. Nor should it be forgotten that in an excellent article on population the London Times spoke of the decadence of the English-speaking nations, pointing out that only two nationalities now kept up the old rate of natural increase, the French and the English-Canadian and the other the Hebrew. Any one who carefully compares the vital statistics of Ontario and Quebec, or even in Ontario of those towns where there is a considerable proportion of French population, must see in an instant that the birth-rate among the French is much higher than that in the English families. Unless a change comes over the spirit of the age amongst the English-speaking people of this country, it will not be many years before the French element is the more numerous, and in view of this fact, if common sense fails to prevent such hurtful comment as that referred to above, prudence at least should suggest a wiser course.

No matter what the country of origin may be, we are all here as British subjects, and more especially as Canadians, and it is high time that the nation should be taught that it is only by becoming Canadians in the broadest and most full meaning of the word that we can make this great country fulfill the high destiny which Providence most undoubtedly intended she should accomplish. The bitterness of the last few months will not have been altogether fruitless if it induces men of all classes, all creeds, all nationalities, whilst honoring their own natural ties and religious convictions, to respect those of others who are after all their brethren in the fullest sense of the word. Citizenship and forbearance from words and deeds that will wound and irritate their fellows.

When the happy time comes that this rule is observed in Canada, then will come the brightest period of Canada's history and prosperity.

## LEAVES VICTORIA.

Rev. A. Ewing's Formal Farewell to  
Members of St. Andrew's Pres-  
byterian Church.

A large number were present last evening in the lecture room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to bid farewell to Rev. A. Ewing, who will leave in a day or so for Edmonton, where he will take full charge for three months of Rev. Mr. McQueen's church. After that Rev. Mr. Ewing will proceed to England, where he will join his wife and enjoy a holiday before returning to Canada. A. B. Fraser, Jr., as chairman of the board of management, referred in suitable terms to the loss the church would sustain in the removal of Rev. Mr. Ewing, paying high tribute to the faithful services rendered by that revered gentleman during his three and a half years of residence here. The following address was then presented, accompanied by a purse:

To the Rev. Archibald Ewing, Victoria: Reverend and Dear Sir—Your friends in St. Andrew's church, before finally parting with you, wish to convey to you their appreciation of your various services during the three and a half years of your connection with the congregation.

Your counsels and labors in the session have been most helpful and encouraging. You have contributed much to the social life of the church. You have carried a kindly and comforting message to homes clouded by sorrow and bereavement, and you have ever been ready to discharge the highest office of the Christian minister in preaching the glorious Gospel of the Son of God. While regretting that these helpful ministrations among us must now cease, we are constrained to make such recognition of their worth as is within our power. Your future we shall watch with interest, praying that it may be brightened by the abounding blessing of the great Head of the Church.

In the bonds of Christian brotherhood. The address was signed by the moderator and clerk of session and the chairman and secretary of the board of management.

The ladies of the congregation also presented an address through Mrs. A. B. Brown, to both of which Rev. Mr. Ewing replied. The St. Andrew's Society, of which Rev. Mr. Ewing was chaplain, also took advantage of the meeting to present through their president, Dr. Aline, a beautiful umbrella with massive gold handle suitably engraved, as

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a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the members of that society. On Sabbath next Rev. Mr. Ewing will preach the annual sermon to the society in St. Andrew's church, when it is expected there will be a large turnout of the Scotsmen of the city. Until recently Rev. Mr. Ewing occupied the position of superintendent of Chinese missions in the province, which position has been discontinued under the arrangement of the mission work of the church.

## "BUSTER BROWN"

Will Be at Victoria Monday and Tues-  
day.—The Watsons' "Grand Theatre Changes."

The New York Herald has made Richard F. Outcault's quaint conception of "Buster Brown" known to almost everyone, and now "Buster" has been dramatically put upon the stage by Melville B. Raymond, who has secured the sole theatrical rights. Buster is an appealing and amusing little fellow with his dog "Tige," and is the moving spirit in a vast number of humorous situations and side-splitting adventures. These are set in a handsome framework and adorned with a large chorus, a ballet, and a group of American beauties, whom Redfern and worth, the noted Parisian and London modistes, have made to look like queens of society. As a theatrical entertainment, "Buster Brown" is in large part a masterpiece. It is a play with enough money to give it rank as comic opera, and a sufficient number of ballets and fancy dances to make it extravaganza. The Victoria engagement is for two evening performances and a matinee, the opening being on Monday evening next. The box plan is already open at the theatre, where seats may be secured by personal call, by messenger or by telephone order.

## Watson's Theatre.

Watson's theatre held one of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences of the season last evening, who turned out to witness the Watson stock company's production of "Faust," every standpoint the production compared with that of any ever given here by any road show.

Every one of the many strong parts was in capable hands and as the Watson players have appeared many times in "Faust" a performance of remarkable smoothness and finish was the result.

The scenic effects were particularly beautiful, especially the electrical garden in the second act, the weird, brackish scene, and the climax of the play. The electric duel between Valentine and Faust in the third act was most thrilling.

Richard Scott never appeared to better advantage than as Mephisto. This sterling actor gave a really remarkable performance of this great role, one that will ever be remembered by those who were present at last evening's performance. Harry Polard gave a most clever performance of Faust. Ermin Seeverly also deserves much praise for his interpretation of Valentine. Miss Mae Keene makes an ideal Marguerite, and her performance stamps her as an actress of the first rank.

There will be a matinee on Saturday. Starting on New Year's Day with a matinee, "A Runaway Match" will be presented for the first half of next week.

The Grand.—As briefly announced in last evening's Times, an important announcement in connection with the future of the popular Grand theatre was made yesterday by Manager Jamieson, who intends to appreciably raise the standard of quality in the house attractions with the new year, and necessarily make slight changes in the admission scale to safeguard against bankruptcy. The price changes are by no means formidable, the proposal being to sell tickets for any seat on the ground floor hereafter at 25 cents, the gallery admission being 15 cents.

For matinees the admission will be 15 cents to any part of the house. The present week's show is drawing very well pleased audiences, the return engagement of Annie Abbott, the Georgia Magnet, being the strong card. In addition, Mr. Mrs. and Master Volton have a clean prior aerobically act that takes well, as it deserves to; Laurel & Southern contribute considerable fun and nonsense in the sketch, "A Drummer's Sample," and Frank Hays, who is popular as a comedian and impersonator, The moving pictures are exulting and Miss Wildermere's picture melody a taking one. For the New Year's week the management hopes to introduce one of the strongest acts in vaudeville, Mr. and Mrs. Robyns in their famous one-act play, "The Counsel for the Defence." A further and fuller reference to Manager Jamieson's intentions may be looked for by the end of the week.



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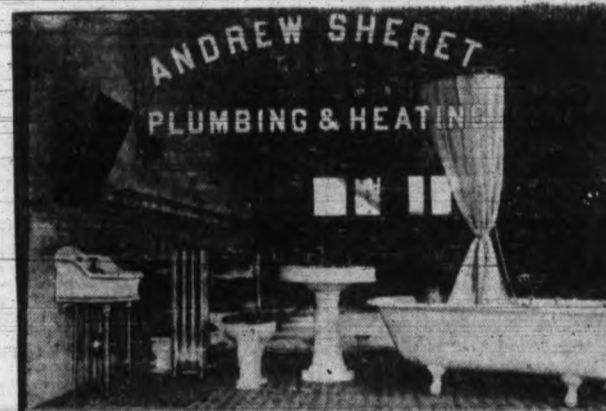
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## CABINET REPRESENTATION.

Our neighbors in the state of Washington appear to be greatly interested in the matter of the selection of a new Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says "one of Senator Templeman's strongest claims to the portfolio of the late Raymond Prefontaine is British Columbia's paramount interest in the fishing industry. The people of the entire province could do worse than stand solidly behind Mr. Templeman." T. J. Gorman, whose name we do not recollect to have heard before, tells the same newspaper that "a minister of fisheries appointed from British Columbia who is familiar with the condition of the industry in British Columbia would be a benefit to Puget sound as well as to the province of British Columbia. The most important fisheries of the Sound are the sockeye salmon, and as this is the only fish that is taken in British Columbia to any extent, any movement for the benefit of British Columbia would be of equal value to the Sound." The new minister, should, undoubtedly, be from British Columbia and should be some one who is familiar with the fisheries. Just so, but the fisheries of British Columbia are not the only matters that absorb the attention of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Dominion cabinet. There is considerable business in connection with the fisheries of Eastern waters, and with the administration of Eastern marine affairs generally. The shipping of British Columbia is of considerable importance, but its importance does not overbalance that of the St. Lawrence and other Eastern points. The fisheries of British Columbia of late years have been administered in accordance with the suggestions of the representatives of British Columbia, with the result that we are experiencing increased benefits therefrom. The claim of British Columbia for the recognition of her right to cabinet representation in the fullest sense does not rest upon the administration of the salmon fisheries of the province, but upon the matter of simple justice. As a province we do not now occupy so insignificant a position in the confederation that we can reasonably be denied that which is accorded all other sections of the country, sections which by reason of position or by reason of the importance of the questions which arise in connection with administration, are not so fully entitled to representation.

## GROWING UPWARD.

Speaker Cannon, of the United States House of Representatives, says that, despite appearances to the contrary, the "world is steadily growing better." Mr. Cannon is well stricken in years, and therefore speaks with authority. The average man, having in mind the experiences of his youth, before he was brought fully into contact with the ways of his work and seeing that it is too prone to generalize from the lessons he learned as he progressed through life. Speaker Cannon, it may be assumed, with his broad experience and the knowledge of the world, and its inhabitants, he has gained in the course of half a century, has been enabled to put aside all prejudice and to speak from inward conviction. It is his belief that the individual is steadily rising in the scale of general integrity, that public honesty and private virtue are held in higher esteem than at any time in the history of the republic—in a word, despite appearances to the contrary, man is improving in his manners and in his morals, and that the outlook for the nation is not so gloomy as the daily record of current events in the press and the deductions therefrom drawn by dependent philosophers would seem to indicate. In the early life of the communities of this continent the crimes and the questionable activities of the people were not set forth daily in newspapers. In the absence of telegraphs and railways the means of gathering news were not so elaborate or thorough as they are to-day. Each individual was not kept thoroughly informed of the misdeeds of his neighbor thousands of miles away (it is the evil men do and not the good offices they discharge that is considered worthy of a place in the average American newspaper). It is true the reprehensible trust has sprung into active life within the last couple of decades and that the chief end of its existence is to exploit individuals for private gain. But such developments merely indicate that the value of co-operation in business affairs has been fully realized. The act of co-operation in itself is not condemnable. It ought to teach a valuable lesson and lead to results generally which may redound to the advantage of the

community. The fact is that in all departments of human activity the "world do move." We are apparently on the eve of a new business and industrial dispensation. If the people apply wisely the lessons the trusts have taught them the strategic movements that have made a few men very rich in a very short time may be profitably utilized for the improvement of the general conditions of life. We think Speaker Cannon is right. The world is a better place for the average man to exhaust the brief span of life allotted to him in than it ever was at any period of human history. There are still injustices perpetrated in the name of justice; there are still many acts of official tyranny and meanness perpetrated in the name of the people and we could cite examples not very far removed from our own city of Victoria; but we are striving to put down such wickedness; we are aspiring to the "higher life," and we are gaining ground.

## EVEN ON FLODDEN NOW.

The predominance of the Scottish element in the new Imperial government is still the subject of good-humored discussion in the newspapers of the United Kingdom. Notwithstanding the written protests of certain anonymous correspondents of London and provincial journals, it does not appear that the "predominant partner" is seriously grieved because of the personnel of the administration of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. The Englishman is undergoing one of the penalties of acquiescence in the "unequal union." But he has been calling attention to that particular phase of the partnership ever since the day when King James emigrated to London as the lawful heir to the Crown. Complaints of a similar character were also raised when the "wee, wee German lairdie" crossed from Holland on the invitation of the Englishmen who were incapable of governing themselves. (We realize that what we are writing will raise the ire of a certain anonymous correspondent of the Colonist, unless he has recently undergone the surgical operation suggested by the witticism of his countrymen.) What we desire to call particular attention to at the present time is the fact that the men of the North Country are not content with filling and drawing the salaries attached to the important civil offices of the state; they have invaded the church also, doubtless because the emoluments attached thereto are very enticing and attractive. Then there are also the honors, which are not despised by the practical-minded Scot, who now has a representative sitting and walking next to Royalty on all state occasions. This phase of the political change has been drawn to public attention by a contemporary, printed north of the Tweed, of course.

The royal warrant giving the Prime Minister precedence, after the Archbishop of York, and the appointment of Sir Robert Reid as Lord Chancellor, will have a quaint effect on all state occasions during the life of the present ministry, for next to royalty the following quartette will head all state processions:—  
Randall Thomas Davidson,  
Robert Thresholt Reid,  
William Dalrymple MacLagan,  
Henry Campbell-Bannerman.  
The late Frank Lockwood (a contemporary remarker) ought to have lived to see "Bob" Reid in this company. However quaint the close proximity of these four great personages may appear, however, they will have a community of feeling on one subject—they are all Scotsmen.

## WINTER DAY WRENCHES.

It has been suggested that the present is an opportune time to call attention to the necessity for the establishment of a life-saving station of some kind on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Not a winter passes in which the sea, stormy and treacherous at the point at which the Pass of Melfort went ashore with such deplorable loss of life, does not take heavy toll. The Dominion government within recent years has spent money lavishly with the object of rendering the navigation of these waters as safe as human precautions can suggest. But while wind, blows and currents run accidents will happen. All the human skill in seamanship can do cannot absolutely avert them. Possibly the locality at which the greatest menace exists is not a favorable spot for the establishment of the service that appears to be called for by annual disasters. The population there is sparse, and is principally native. Indians are skilled in the management of their own peculiar kinds of craft. They doubtless would be next to helpless in the navigation of a modern lifeboat in a raging, breaking sea. Nevertheless if an investigation were held by competent persons, it might result in suggestions which would overcome obstacles and objections that are appearing insuperable, are really but superficial. The matter is sufficiently serious to demand immediate consideration, and ought to be drawn to the attention of the authorities. And it should be taken in hand without delay lest the lapse of time dim the sense of our responsibility, only to have the gravity of the situation forced upon our attention anew by another catastrophe.

Letter writing was introduced by an Egyptian named Memnon, 1822 B. C.

## NEWSBOYS' FOURTH ANNUAL BANQUET

## THE LADS ENJOYED THEMSELVES HEARTILY

Were Guests of Richard Hall M. P. P. Who Originated Custom—Programme Was Rendered.

The great event has taken place. The fourth newsboys' annual banquet is a thing of the past. It was held last night at the Poodle Dog restaurant, and the host was Richard Hall, M. P. P., to whose kindly nature is due what has become an established custom. It will be remembered that Mr. Hall started the annual dinner idea four years ago. Since then the Times and Colonist have entertained the youngsters, and last night the originator again donned his mantle of hospitality and gave the boys a fine time. There must have been fifty lads around the festive board, fifty healthy, leather-tongued news merchants in embryo, who attested their presence at intervals in a manner that would have warmed the soul of a Roosevelt or any other lover of the strenuous youth. Mr. Hall occupied the head of the table, and among the members of the order of the present were John Nelson, Robt. Dunn, Mr. R. C. Nichols and Mr. A. Wythe, of the Times staff; R. E. Gossell, Chas. A. Greig, A. R. Ellis, J. W. Lorimer and F. Hatcher, of the Colonist staff, and Supt. Eaton, of the city schools.

Only one toast was proposed, "The King," and it was honored vociferously. The speaking consisted of Mr. Hall's address, which was the boys' which it acted upon will undoubtedly make them ornaments to the life of the city. The menu was excellent as usual, Mr. and Mrs. Davies being too experienced along this line to leave room for criticism. If any further evidence were required on this point the rapidity with which each dish vanished would be sufficient.

The dinner was rendered specially enjoyable by a first-class musical programme. Mrs. H. C. Briggs, who, with her husband, came down from Nelson to spend the Christmas holidays in Victoria, contributed several selections in capital voice; the audience making the windows rattle with its applause. Pat McDonald sang a patriotic song in good style, his effort being loudly cheered. The Watson brothers in violin and piano numbers likewise acquitted themselves with credit, and Masters Abel and Curtis in comic song and recitation respectively "brought down the house."

On behalf of the boys, S. Thompson thanked Mr. Hall for his hospitality, and the host responded with some good advice. Cheers were given for Mr. Hall, the boys singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and for Mr. and Mrs. Davies, and the National Anthem terminated a very successful dinner. During the evening Mr. Hall announced that he had received letters of regret upon their inability to be present from Acting Mayor Goodacre, and A. G. Sargison, managing director of the Colonist.

## GAZETTE NOTICES.

Announcements Made This Week by the Provincial Government.

This week's Gazette contains a copy of a minute of council passed by the Dominion government, in which reference is made to the question of the constitutionality of the provincial act to amend the Companies Act by which it is enacted that an extra-provincial company must pay \$250 before being granted leave to carry on business in the province. On the recommendation of the Minister of Justice the act was not disallowed, it being deemed a question for the courts to decide as to its constitutionality.

The board of trustees for the various coal mines are given in the Gazette as follows:—  
For the Cumberland colliery: Appointed by the owners, Charles Matthews; alternates, David Walker, John Combs. Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, John Kestley. Elected by the miners, James Reid; alternates, Thomas Hupkes, Joseph Hurbury.

For the Extension colliery: Appointed by the owners, James Sharp; alternates, Alex. Bryden, Alex. Shaw. Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, W. G. Simpson. Elected by the miners, Thomas Doherty; alternates, Wm. Anderson, Benj. Bereto.

For the Nanaimo colliery: Appointed by the owners, Thomas Mills; alternates, George Wilkinson, Charles Graham. Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, Thomas Budge. Elected by the miners, George Moore; alternates, John R. McKenzie, George Johnson.

For the Michel colliery: Appointed by the owners, A. R. Wilson; alternates, Wm. Powell, Thos. Corbitt. Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, Evan Evans. Elected by the miners, James Wyllie; alternates, Sidney Bart, Joseph Thomas.

For the Coal Creek colliery: Appointed by the owners, David Martin; alternates, Andrew Colville, John Hunt. Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, John McMillen. Elected by the miners, J. H. Suggert; alternates, Wm. Moore, Chas. Webber.

W. H. Kerin, M. P. P., of Port Simpson, has been appointed a medical health officer for the province. The Atlin Consolidate Mining Company, of Denver, has been registered as an extra provincial company with A. S. Innes, of Victoria, as attorney for the company. The Daily Advance Publishing Company, Ltd., has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$10,000.

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## Shipping

## BUOY IS FOUND.

After several days spent in search of the missing buoy from the entrance to Port San Juan harbor, the D. G. S. Quadra, Capt. Hackett, returned this morning with the buoy on deck. It was recovered between Muir and Coal creeks, between a couple of fish traps, and was placed aboard with no small amount of difficulty. The buoy has been a source of worry to the office of the marine and fisheries for the last few weeks. It has been reported by mariners in different places, and the Quadra has twice gone in search of it. Her first voyage taking her as far as Bamfield without success. The buoy, too, has been a source of trouble to the farmers living along the southern shore of the island. They have heard its constant whistling and have speculated on whether it was some wild animal or sea serpent. The Quadra will now leave for the north on light-house duty. She reports having sighted the Saylor en route to Amphitrite Point, and her officers estimate that the steamer would reach her destination about 3 o'clock this morning.

## QUEEN CITY DELAYED.

Steamer Queen City has not yet reached port from the West Coast, and up till noon had not reported from Bamfield creek, where she was to call for a load of oil from the whaling station, which is to be forwarded from here to San Francisco. The steamer is thought to have been delayed by bad weather and also, through having to land a part cargo of lumber at Clackoquot, where the new wharfe is in course of erection. The steamer Otter will be dispatched for the coast to fight with a load of coal and supplies for the whaling station.

## AN OVERDUE.

The British Empire King David, 90 days out from Salina, has for the Royal Roads, is causing anxiety. The vessel should have arrived a full month ago. As a result her owners, the Glasgow King Shipping Company, are getting alarmed. They wired to Captain Olson, of the ship Brodick Castle, yesterday, inquiring if the latter had any report of the King David on a recent voyage here. Nothing, however, was seen of the overdue craft.

## NO DAMAGE.

The survey on the steamer Dulwich was completed yesterday. It was found that the ship sustained no damage in grounding in the big storm on Tuesday night. The vessel is now Tuesday night, the vessel is now making preparations to leave for Acapulco to-night, following the Honduras, belonging to the same line. These vessels, it is suspected, are required at the Mexican port for the carrying of railway material.

## THE JAPAN INBOUND.

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan left Yokohama on Friday last bound for this port. The Japan has about fifty "coolie" passengers, a hundred storage passengers and a full cargo of general freight. One of the largest single shipments is a consignment of raw silk. The Japan is due to arrive here on January 3rd.

## MARINE NOTES.

Tug Lorne left for Chemainus this morning with the ship Brodick Castle. The ship Burial, now at Chemainus, has about completed her cargo of lumber, and will be ready to sail in a few days.

Mail is now arriving here for the steamers Kelvenback, Tottenham, Isleworth and Ellerie. All these vessels are coming in ballast for orders. It is thought that the steamer Portland, ashore on Spire Point, near Ketchikan, will prove a total wreck.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

Victoria West Lodge, I. O. G. T., entertained on Wednesday Night.

Although the weather was anything but favorable on Wednesday evening, a good number of business and visitors attended the meeting of the Victoria West Lodge, No. 25, I. O. G. T., at Sample's hall.

The C. T. Sister Lewis, occupied the chair, and conducted the business of the lodge.

During recess expressions of welcome were accorded to the officers and members who had been unavoidably detained at their homes during the past few weeks.

On again resuming business, the chief temple of Triumph Lodge announced that arrangements had been made for the party visiting Cedar Hill on Saturday, to leave the Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt at 7 p.m., stopping at Greig's road and the Fountain en route.

Sister Edilson, a visitor from Vancouver Lodge, tendered the fraternal wishes of that lodge to Victoria West Lodge, which were received with applause.

A short but excellent programme was then carried out as follows: Bro. Blackman, song; Sis. Furman, reading; Bro. Sample, song; Bro. Blackman, song; Bro. Andrews, reading; Bro. Robinson, song; Bro. McIntyre, song; Bro. Waller, reading; Bro. Wilks, song.

The lodge was then closed after which light refreshments were served, terminating with a grand march, The Circle of Unity, and singing of Auld Lang Syne.

## BOILER EXPLOSION.

Wreckage of Train Caught Fire and Three Men Were Killed.

(Associated Press.)  
Huntingdon, Ind., Dec. 23.—By the blowing up of an engine attached to a freight train on the Chicago & Erie railroad near here, yesterday, Engineer John J. O'Brien, of Kootenai, and O. R. O'Brien, of this place, and Lemuel Fisher, brakeman, of Rochester, Ind., were instantly killed and 15 cars were piled up. The wreck caught fire. Only the body of the engineer has been recovered. It was blown to pieces. The train was composed of refrigerator cars loaded with meat and was running as a special.

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To the Electors of Victoria:  
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For the replacing of the present high rates for light with the minimum for good service;  
For a square deal on the water question, believing that the present trumped up suit is a menace to the rights of the city;

For a more efficient and economical service of the department of works;  
For the safe-guarding of the city's interest in the disposition of the Songhees Reserve;  
And for open dealings of the Council.  
A. J. MORLEY.  
December 23rd, 1905.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Of Victoria West Methodist Church—The Programme.

Last evening the usual Christmas tree entertainment of the Victoria West Methodist church was held in Sample's hall, Victoria West. The programme consisted in a cantata, entitled "Santa's Success," which was exceedingly well rendered by the scholars of the Sunday school, under the supervision of Mrs. C. Mitchell and Miss A. Walton, who deserve great credit for the able manner in which they had trained the children.

In course of the evening a hymn book was presented to Frank Willard for his regularity, since he had not missed school since in 14 years; Jas. Bowden was also the recipient of a hymn book for his fidelity and the faithful service he has rendered the church, and Mr. Gladding, superintendent of the school, was presented with a fountain pen as a small token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow teachers, and for the able manner in which he had fulfilled his office for many years.

Santa Claus appeared about 9.30 p.m. and distributed the many presents and prizes to all the children.

## PERSONAL.

Carl Loewenberg left last night for Hamburg, Germany, travelling via the Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited and the North German-Lloyd steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mr. Loewenberg received by cable yesterday the sad news of his brother's death at Hamburg.

L. Richardson, of Maple Creek, Sask., is spending a few days in the city. Mr. Richardson has a horse ranch near Maple Creek. He says that the rapid influx of farmers into the country will eventually end the ranching interest out.

Miss Maud Claxton, musical instructor in the Columbia College, New Westminster, is spending a part of her Christmas vacation with friends in the city.

Percy Egrie and wife, of White Horse, left last night for Los Angeles, where they will visit for a month before returning North.

Collis Wood will leave for New York to-night via the North Coast Limited.

The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Sunday school of the P. C. cathedral takes place in Institute hall at 8 o'clock this evening. All are invited.

This forenoon the fire department was called out to an incipient blaze in the premises occupied by Chinese opposite the Cold Storage building on Store street. Little damage was done.

This afternoon the funeral of Mrs. Helen Hicks is taking place from the family residence, 26 Menzies street. Mrs. Hicks was the wife of Capt. Robt. Hicks, and was a native of Paisley, Scotland. She was 77 years of age.

Rev. Dr. Campbell united in the holy bonds of matrimony the following couples at the First Presbyterian church manse, on December 15th: Mr. Gustave Alfred Rask and Miss Sophie Margaret Rask; on December 21st Mr. George Henry Myers and Miss Grace Darling Eaton; and on December 27th Mr. Lewis Chas. Kirkley and Miss Florence Isa. Chesney.

Last evening at the regular meeting of Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, the following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Engle T. J. Evans; vice chief ranger, Engle T. J. Evans; recording secretary, Bro. R. W. O. Savage; financial secretary, Bro. A. E. Haynes; chaplain, Bro. E. M. Whyte; treasurer, Bro. Geo. McCandless; S. W. Bro. F. Rickstis; J. W. Bro. Jos. Le Sneur; S. R. Bro. Alex. Hendry; J. B. Bro. R. Mowat; physician, Dr. Hart; auditor, Bro. T. Mowat and J. A. McIntosh.

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There's another holiday. New Year's, and it has its redeeming feature in the fact that it comes seven days after the previous Christmas day in the calendar, and it gives one the opportunity of making good any oversight in the matter of gift making. In the selection of your New Year's offerings, don't overlook our store, which, in spite of the immense Xmas trade we have done, offers a choice of worthy gift goods—unexcelled in Western Canada. Wellie Bros.

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When buying out glass why not get the best—that's Libbey. You'd pay no more for it than many inferior makes. Wellie Bros.

The funeral of Mrs. Wiley took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Government street. There was a large attendance at the funeral and the funeral services were many and beautiful. Rev. Mr. Thompson conducted most impressive services, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. N. Shakespear, E. Kennedy, J. Parker, W. Daville, J. T. Daville and the Rev. W. H. Gibson.

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George M. McKelvey, one of the most prominent men of Youngtown, committed suicide by shooting while sitting on his bed in his room Sunday morning, while his family were at church. Mr. McKelvey had been in ill-health for a long time.

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An important meeting of the sergeants mess of the Fifth Regiment will be held this evening at the drill hall. A full attendance is requested.

The Victoria-Otter Point telegraph line has been put in order again. Thos. Gordon, who is in charge, has completed the 40 miles of inspection and repair.

Judge Spinks, of Vernon, who was confined to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, for six weeks, is recuperating. He sat up on Christmas Day, and as soon as able will proceed south.

The Yorkshire Society of British Columbia at a committee meeting held in Secretary Pearson's office last night, Colonel P. Wolfenden presiding, decided to hold a good Yorkshire night in No. 3 hall, A. O. U. W., building on Friday, 12th January, 1907.

A full practice of the second eleven of the Hockey Club will be held tomorrow afternoon at Oak Bay grounds. Only those in uniform are allowed. Members are requested to catch the 2.30 o'clock car from the corner of Government and Yates street.

The diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to Missions is holding its monthly meeting at St. Salvator's schoolroom, Victoria West, this afternoon. Miss Ard is lecturing on South India, and Rev. J. Antle is expected to speak on the work of the mission steamer Columbia.

A. W. Knight, of this city, has received a letter from his niece in England, in which reference is made to the British Columbia fruit received in the Old Country. In his letter appears the following, which is self-explanatory: "Yesterday morning I went to a large grocers, where we have a host of our things. The proprietor is a very go-ahead man, a town councillor and son of a former mayor. He had just had over a large consignment of apples from British Columbia and was making a show of them; none to be sold till next Wednesday. They were a splendid show, and as he said to me a good object lesson as to the capabilities of the country. The packing was good, and they were in fine condition."

A meeting was held last evening of the Victoria West Voters' Association. Dr. Lewis Hall received the nomination as alderman, the mayor being voted upon in joint meeting with North Ward Association on Tuesday evening next. Adverse comment was made upon the action of the school trustees in taking principals from Victoria West to fill vacancies in other portions of the city, this having happened on two occasions, and the school board will be communicated with upon the subject. Street work, electric lighting, Soudiers reserve and water questions were debated until a late hour. The limitation of franchise was referred to, also the desirability of those qualified to vote at the coming elections taking immediate steps toward registration, after which an adjournment until Tuesday next was ordered.

## JUDGMENT GIVEN FOR THE SETTLER

### Mr. Justice Martin's Decision Favors Defendant in Test Case Respecting Rights in E. & N. Belt.

Mr. Justice Martin to-day handed down judgment in the case of E. & N. Railway Company vs. McGregor. His Lordship gave decision in favor of the defendant. This case is the first one brought before the court under the Settlers' Rights Act passed by the legislature two sessions ago. Under the act it was provided that the defence of the settlers' claims in court should be borne by the government. Accordingly A. E. McPhillips, K. C., was retained to defend the first case when it came up in October for trial. Mr. McPhillips was assisted by H. G. Helsternman.

The railway company was represented by A. P. Luxton, K. C., and H. Pooley. Argument, it will be remembered, lasted for days, judgment being reserved.

The railway company contended that the defendant, who had given a crown grant under the act, was not entitled to the coal or timber on the land, nor was it constitutional to make the grant of the land.

The case, it is expected, will be appealed to the Privy Council.

Judgment was handed down by Mr. Justice Martin to-day as follows: It must first be determined what the legal status of the defendant was at the time he entered upon and occupied the lands in question in 1879. This depends upon the fact of their being reserved or not, from settlement at that time. By section 2 of the Land Act then in force, Rev. Laws B. C., 1871, cap. 14, it is enacted that:

"The governor shall at any time, and for such purposes as he may deem advisable, reserve, by notice published in the Government Gazette, or in any newspaper of the colony, any lands that may not have been either sold or legally pre-empted."

And in pursuance of the power thereby conferred a certain area on this island, including said lands, was reserved, as set out by the orders in council cited; and that reserve, in my opinion, whatever its object, operated against the public generally, including those claiming rights under the terms of the Union. The property of that valid executive act cannot be questioned here.

Such being the case, the defendant at the time of the passing of the "Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graveling Dock, and Railway Lands of the Province" (1884, 42 Vic., cap. 14, commonly called the "Settlement Act" because of the recital in its preamble that it was passed "for the purpose of settling all existing disputes and difficulties between the two governments") had no legal authority for his entry upon and occupation of Crown lands, and hence was merely what is commonly known in this province as a "squatter" thereon; though "squatter" may be included in the term "settler."

Hoggan vs. Esquimalt & Nanaimo Ry. Co. (1894), A. C. 423 at 424-5. It is manifest that if the defendant is to be considered as being a squatter at that time, he can only save himself by relying upon the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1904." That is a statute, of a very unusual kind, and it is a public and general one, and contains this exceptional section:

"The rights granted to the settler under this act shall be asserted by and defended at the expense of the crown."

This gives a significant indication that the legislature was aware that it was legislating in a manner quite out of the common, and in a matter where litigation was to be expected, and was prepared not only to confer unusual benefits, but to support and assist the beneficiaries in their enjoyment of the rights conferred.

Reading the act with the preamble and this section as a key to its true intent and meaning, and bearing in mind that as it is a public and general statute statements of fact therein continued must be accepted as being accurate (Attorney-General of B. C. vs. Ludgate, 1904, 8 B. C. 242; 11 B. C. 288). I have no doubt after a careful perusal of it, what one of its chief objects is, I. e., to recognize squatters as being entitled to special rights in the premises; to treat them in fact as if they had been in occupation of unreserved crown lands pursuant to the Land Act. This view is specially supported by the first paragraph of the preamble referring to "certain persons who have been unable to obtain title in fee simple to the lands occupied by them," by the reference to certain "decisions of the courts that the land was not open for settlement," and to the succeeding recital: There is, however, no doubt about the point, for the definition of the word "settler" in section 2 (b) is clear and far-reaching:

"(b) 'Settler' shall mean a person who, prior to the passing to the said act, occupied or improved lands situated within the said railway land belt, with the bona fide intention of living thereon."

This language includes the defendant, for I can see nothing in the context to warrant my excluding him, and he is therefore entitled to claim the benefit of the act if he has conformed to the requirements of section 2, which he has done, and has consequently received a crown grant in fee simple "in accordance with the provisions of the Land Act in force at the time said land was first so occupied or improved by said settler." It is clear to me at least, that the legislature intended this particular statute with the object of remedying some real or fancied hardships which had been brought to its attention in consequence of the litigation referred to, and that it intended to implement and put a new interpretation upon the grant Act, which should place certain squatters on a par with the others in an assured position as against all the world.

It is admitted that the legislature in dealing with "property and civil rights in the province" is paramount because they come within its exclusive control by virtue of the B. N. A. Act, section 92, s. 13. The learned counsel for the plaintiff not unnaturally protested against the passage of legislation of this questionable class as being equivalent to confiscation of private property, but as the Lord Chancellor recently said in *Muskelburgh Real Estate Co. vs. Frost* of *Muskelburgh*, 1905, A. C. 491, at 497:

"Now, my Lords, it is said, and I think justly said, that it is contrary to the policy of parliament to take away rights to give anything in the nature of property to others without giving compensation for what is taken. But I think, on the other hand, it must be frankly admitted that where you are dealing with public necessities and public security, parliament does sometimes do that. As it has been pointed out, it does it with respect to laborers, and I think it does it with respect to laborers."

Doubtless it is quite true as the same counsel submitted, that where two contributions are reasonably open for court will lean to that which will not work an injustice. But where the meaning is plain, as here, it is the duty of the court to construe it, and never may be the consequence of that result, they form part of the burden of responsibility which the legislature deliberately assumed when it passed the statute, presumably in the public interest. In regard to this point of there being no compensation for the appropriation, I have no over-looked Mr. McPhillips' argument that lands in contiguous areas are to be made good to the Dominion in lieu of lands alienated, as provided by the 11th article of the Terms of Union, and by section 5 of the Settlement Act. But it is at least doubtful if such provisions have reference to the present case, because article 11 refers only to lands "which may be held under pre-emption right or by crown grant," and the defendant did not originally so hold. And section 5 is limited to "lands held in extent to those alienated up to the date of this act," etc. It is not, however, strictly necessary to express a final opinion on this point, but I mention it to show that I am not favorably impressed with the contention that the plaintiff company will be able as a matter of legal right to obtain compensation for the lands it has been deprived of.

Such being my view of the matter it is unnecessary to consider at length the question of the existence of the prior letters patent from the crown, in favor of the plaintiff company under the Settlement Act, because where the legislature has so clearly and so definitely declared by public and general enactment that others were entitled to the same rights therein, the last word of the legislature on the subject must prevail. No authority, as might have been expected, could be found on the exact point, which differs radically from such cases as *Vancouver v. Butler* (1901), 8 B. C. 100; 1 M. M. C. 428; *Alcock v. Cooke* (1899), 5 Bing. 240; or *Great Eastern Railway Co. v. Goldsmith* (1894), 9 A. C. 327; but to my mind it presents no practical difficulty. The peculiar result may, I think, also be regarded as somewhat akin to that in *Re Colonial Secretary of Natal v. Behrens* (1880), 1 F. C. 38, viz., that there has been, without compensation, and by virtue of subsequent legislative authority, a lawful resumption of possession (here constructive) of lands alienated to subject, upon which the right of that subject is so far as extinguished and reverts to the crown, p. 100.

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The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Victoria West Baptist Sunday school will be held this evening in Temple hall.

St. Charles street from Fairfield road to Chandler street is closed to vehicular traffic for the present by order of the city engineer.

Magistrate Hall this morning sentenced Robt. Bell to two years' imprisonment for stealing a purse from a young lady on Douglas street last Saturday night.

During the four months that the Lewis and Clark exposition was open at Portland, Oregon, traffic was so heavy on the Northern Pacific that a train had to be sent through the big stamped tunnel every thirty-seven minutes, but the ventilation of the tunnel was so good that no inconvenience was caused passengers or train crews.

The marriage was solemnized last evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church of Mr. Clement A. Haynes, bookkeeper for Nicholls & Renouf, and Miss Margaret McKenzie, daughter of Mr. Alex. McKenzie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. Miss Jessie Fairful and Lily Bennett attended the bride, while Messrs. R. Wilson and H. Moore supported the groom. Mr. Jesse Longfield presided at the organ, and the wedding party took their places the choir, of which the bride was a member, sang "The Voice That Breathed 'Ore Eden.'" The party left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Milne street. The numerous and costly presents testified to the popularity of the bride and groom. The honeymoon will be spent in Vancouver.

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